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RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOR OR MERIT AWARD (See HR 20-37)

(Submit eight copies with: description of performance or service warranting award; biographic profile; and unclassified citation)

1. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.			2. NAME OF PERSON RECOMMENDED (Last, First, Middle)			3. POSITION TITLE						
			FBIS/Hong Kong Bureau									
4. GRADE	5. YOB	6. SD	7. OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT	8. EXTENSION	9. RECOMMENDED AWARD							
		RF	FBIS		Meritorious Unit Citation - FBIS Hong Kong Bureau							
10. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED					11. IF RETIRING, DATE OF RETIREMENT		12. POSTHUMOUS					
September 1985-April 1986							<table border="1"> <tr> <td>YES</td> <td>NO</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>		YES	NO		
YES	NO											
13. HOME ADDRESS (include ZIP CODE)					14. NAME OF SPOUSE		15. HOME PHONE					

Have any other persons received or been recommended for an award for this service or act?

☐ yes (If yes, attach list of full names and awards.)☒ no

ADDITION

DATE

Chief, Operations

7 Aug 1986

HEAD OF RF CAREER SERVICE
(Career service of nominee)ACTING Director, Foreign Broadcast
Information Service

8 AUG 1986

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICE

Deputy Director for Science
and Technology

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATING COMPONENT

TITLE AND SIGNATURE

DATE

REPORT OF HONOR AND MERIT AWARDS BOARD

The Honor and Merit Awards Board having considered the foregoing recommendation on _____:

- ☐ recommends approval
☐ does not recommend approval
☐ recommends award of

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FBIS-1130/86

8 AUG 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM:

Acting Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Meritorious Unit Citation -
Hong Kong Bureau, FBIS

1. I recommend that Hong Kong Bureau, FBIS be awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation for sustained superior performance during the period September 1985-April 1986 in providing timely and accurate reporting on developments in the Philippines.

2. During these 8 months the Philippines experienced a rising communist insurgency, a major national election, a dramatic, peaceful revolution, and a new government's rise to power. Hong Kong Bureau met these challenges by quickly building up monitoring resources and editorial expertise to provide United States Government analysts with English-language versions of the most important articles and speeches from Philippine broadcast sources. Bureau personnel at all levels demonstrated commendable initiative and dedication and contended with poor radio reception, changing broadcast patterns and a restructuring of the Philippine media. Both U.S. and foreign national employees time and again put forth extra effort to get the job done, worked extended shifts, manned a round-the-clock operation as required, and made personal sacrifices to ensure that FBIS and consumer needs were met.

3. The Philippine crisis coverage was most dramatic, but would not have been possible had not bureau staff developed good experience in its handling of events building up to the peaceful coup. Thanks to the growing expertise of the bureau's staff, they were able to respond in a timely manner to expanding consumer demands for more information. Prior to the election in February 1986, the bureau processed more than 30 Marcos campaign speeches in 1 month, often at a rate of two speeches a day. Processing these speeches was difficult owing to poor radio reception and Marcos' health problems, which affected his speech and thought patterns. In praising the bureau's coverage at this time, the BBC, the allied monitoring service, noted the monitors' work in transcribing from "poorly-received and sometimes incoherent material." The period prior to the coup also saw a significant increase in reporting on the Philippines. While staffing remained constant, monthly wordage filed on the Philippines more than doubled, exceeding

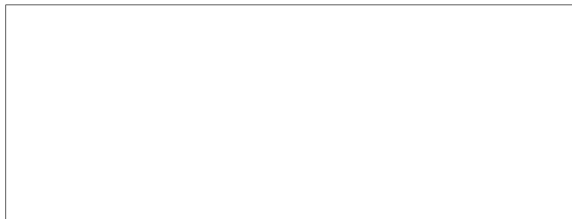
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the total publishable wordage of seven other FBIS bureaus. This was in addition to the bureau's regular coverage of the PRC, Hong Kong, and New Zealand media.

4. Following the transfer of power in the Philippines, the bureau sustained its superior performance in reporting from public media there. The revamping of radio broadcasting under the new regime challenged the bureau's limited resources, as employees assumed duties not normally part of their routine to identify which radio stations were still on the air, which were new, and what frequencies were in use. At the same time, the restructuring of the press as new newspapers appeared and old ones changed political orientation added complexity to Philippine coverage, necessitating extra effort to fully meet FBIS and consumer needs.

5. FBIS' ability to serve its consumers during the Philippine crisis was made possible only by the extraordinary professionalism and dedication of its personnel in Hong Kong. Their efforts enabled FBIS to provide prompt, significant, and often unique reporting of great value to U.S. Government agencies and policymakers, U.S. missions, and allied services.

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APPROVED:

Deputy Director for Science and Technology

Date

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CITATION

Hong Kong Bureau

Foreign Broadcast Information Service

is hereby awarded the

MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION

in recognition of its sustained superior performance September 1985-April 1986 in reporting on developments in the Philippines. Despite poor radio reception, extended operating hours, changing broadcast patterns and a restructuring in the Philippines of source media, the bureau was able to provide timely and accurate reporting. This performance was made possible by the exceptional professionalism, flexibility, and high dedication to duty of each member of the staff involved in Philippine coverage. This significant achievement by Hong Kong Bureau made an important contribution to the mission of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service and to the interests of the United States.

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